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By ANDREW DETTRE

Top four, what a bonanza!

How the NSL must regret not having scheduled a top four series for 1983.

This year's battle to reach the series would have been the most exciting on record as the 3-point system for wins has made the table extremely volatile.

It would have been possible to have up to 10 teams retain some hope with two rounds to go; leapfrogging three, even four positions of the ladder is a common occurrence.

It was a pretty mindless decision which led to the scrapping of the top four.

One reason was the financial disaster of last year's Grand Final at Penrith which, through some mysterious calculations and deductions, gave the winners St. George less than \$1,000 as their share. ***

Another contributing factor was what the ASF called our "crowded schedule."

The end of the season Cup final and the planned November international tournament, we were told, wouldn't allow any room for the semi-finals, final and grand final.

Well, the international tournament is on the verge of collapse or at least scaling down.

As for the Cup final, that's still on — but not many would even remember who the finalists are, the quarter-finalists having been played months ago.

Now, if the November tournament is called off and the Cup final is a flop, we will have the most miserable season-ending on record.

The 1984 season will then start on a sour note, without much enthusiasm — and so our downhill ride will continue into the sunset.

I wonder when will our Leading Lights in the Administration realise that in our peculiar set-up and geographical isolation, a Top Four series provides just about the only incentive for teams.

Without them why should teams really bother? What's the reward for finishing fourth — or even first? Zilch.

Sydney City won three titles in a row and almost went into voluntary liquidation.

Sport without incentives loses its meaning. Whether it's gold medals, money, fame or travel, there must be a motivating force in sport; otherwise it becomes mere recreation.

Can anybody please tell me what the incentive in this year's NSL is?

Why should a Leichhardt, Brisbane City or Footscray redouble their efforts in order to finish fourth — if the practical value of a 10th place is exactly the same?

In Europe it's vastly different. Teams strive to finish as high as possible to qualify for the three Euro Cups — Champions, Cupwinners or UEFA.

In top soccer nations, such as Italy, England, Germany or Spain, even a fifth, sometimes sixth place can qualify a team for the UEFA Cup — and a possible financial bonanza.

Here, in the NSL, the championship tag carries a whiff of glamour, perhaps — but second and 13th rank equal in value. Some incentive. ***

If the ASF-NSL bigwigs don't want to restore a Top Four on a regular basis, they should examine the possibility of launching a post-competition international series for the top clubs of the region — Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and anybody else who cares to join.

Europe, South America and Africa all have their own international club series, one way or another; there is no reason why Asia — at least South-East Asia — and Australasia couldn't organise one, too.

And wouldn't it be something if, for once, Australia took the initiative in bringing this about? ***

While harping on the subject of incentives, let me detour briefly and indict the ASF for having failed, to this date, to work out a proper promotion and relegation system to the NSL.

And all this after seven years . . .

Originally it was announced that there would be no relegation for three years so that clubs can consolidate themselves.

But surely, in the subsequent four years, all those people who so much love to jet to innumerable interstate executive and council meetings, could have come up with some reasonable plan.

One must, albeit reluctantly, sympathise with the disenchanted State Federations whose cussed opposition to the NSL is partly based on the lack of a promotion system.

Let's not be too surprised that many States don't want to support the expansion of an NSL, an enterprise which for seven years has been a closed shop.

And unless the ASF at long last works out some sort of modus operandi, they can count on the States viewing all NSL activities as an elitist coup.

Antolovic rocking to the top with Croatia



Paul Lewis

Jozo Antolovic, ex-disc jockey and lover of rock-blues fusion bands such as King Crimson, Genesis and The Moody Blues, is the tough man in midfield for Melbourne Croatia.

Listening to LP records and watching TV have improved his command of English since he arrived here in March, 1982. And playing under the coaching of John Gardner has greatly improved Croatia, according to Antolovic.

John Gardner has put discipline into the team. That's the big difference between Croatia in 1982 and Croatia in 1983," he says.

Antolovic played with Olimpia Osijek in Yugoslavia. Dom Kapetanovic, former Sydney Croatia and Marconi boss, coached Antolovic at Olimpia.

"What can I say about Kapetanovic other than that he was the man who took Olimpia into First Division? We had

been in Second Division for 21 years. Now Olimpia is a top club, with one of the youngest teams in the whole of Europe," he says.

Antolovic spent all his soccer days in Yugoslavia as a sweeper but since coming here he has been playing more exclusively in midfield. He says he's "forgotten" a lot about playing sweeper. Anyway, his idea of how the position should be played is a far departure from the norm in this country.

"Sweepers in my country love to go forward. Not here. You play like an extra central defender. I don't like that.

Keith Adams is our sweeper at Croatia but he stays back most of the time. He's a good player and he could come forward a lot more, but that's not the way the position is played in Australia."

Antolovic played a handful of games in Croatia's reserves when he first arrived before breaking into the first team and he's now an established senior player. He adds bite to Croatia's midfield but last

year he encountered the wrath of a few referees.

"Last year I lost control a couple of times and got sent off. I was a new face and I think that some referees picked on me. I haven't changed the way I play this year but so far I've only got two yellow cards."

When Antolovic arrived, Bill McArthur was coaching Croatia but he was replaced by Mijo Kis after 10 league games.

"Bill McArthur is a very good person and very good coach. I was sorry for him when he was sacked. Mr Kis is a nice person but he doesn't really talk soccer language and he was dealing with young players, which made his job hard because he was a much older man."

Antolovic worked as a waiter at the Hotel Hilton for six months last year. He says the job helped him to pick up English fairly quickly and he enjoyed meeting so many different people. He's enjoying life here and he plans to settle.



Jozo Antolovic

He says Green Gully Ajax is the strongest team in State League. He says that Croatia's midfield can't match the experience of players such as Peter Boyle, Willie Vassallo and Jim Williams of Ajax but says that he, Jeff Faulkner, Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic all have many playing years ahead and will develop into a crack midfield.

"I feel a bit lonely in midfield last year. We were not as physically strong as Ajax and we always had trouble against them. If we played good we would lose. If we played bad, we would lose. That's the same this year, even though we are better team than last year. I think we have to try something different when we play them, something special, just for these games."

"Paul Lewis is the most dangerous player in Australia. He is the fastest forward here and Ajax just waits until it can play through balls for him. None can catch him."

"Josip Biskic and Tommy Cumming are our main forwards. We wouldn't be as good without them."

Makedonia set to race away



Docherty leaving?

It may be only a matter of time before Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty (pictured) returns to England.

His wife has returned already.

And after being abused by supporters during the recent match against St. George, Docherty said:

"I'll take all the verbal abuse they want to throw at me and they can shout their heads off but I will not stand being spat on by anyone."

"If they want to spit on a coach, they can get someone else. I certainly won't stand for it."

Docherty's criticism of supporters prompted Sydney Olympic president Jim Petrelli to say in the Greek-language newspaper "Neos Kosmos" that a coach should not make remarks about the fans.

Docherty, who joined Olympic from South Melbourne Hellas late last year, has a contract until the end of 1984.

George McMillan returns to strengthen Makedonia's bid for the championship, Sydney City Hakoah may drop further behind by losing to Hellas at Middle Park and Sydney fans will be treated to a three-match programme at St George Stadium on Sunday.

The triple bill starts with an Australia v. New Zealand under 15 match at 1pm, followed by St George v. Adelaide City at 2.30 pm and APIA v Marconi at 4.15 pm.

Murray Barnes will miss the clash between Hellas and Sydney Hakoah, which has been held to scoreless draws by West Adelaide and APIA in successive weeks. If Hakoah loses, Makedonia could race six points clear at the top.

Barnes was cautioned last Saturday, pushing his penalty points total over the limit, so he will have to serve a one-match suspension.

Hellas, meanwhile, is at full strength and despite its loss to Adelaide City last weekend, looks good for a win against Hakoah on Sunday.

Carl Haldin maintained his fine form against Adelaide City and is set to cut the Hakoah midfield, to give Alan Davidson and Oscar Cino space and time to create forward moves.

The match features three of the most deadly strikers in the country — John Kosmina who has nine goals so far, and Hellas pair Doug Brown and Charlie Egan who have eight each.

Makedonia beat the odds in downing Canberra 1-0 last week, thanks to player-coach Peter Oliver who scored the only goal. Claude Lucchesi, Gary Ward and McMillan missed that match but McMillan is back against Brisbane Lions at Coopers Reserve on Sunday to help counter the talented Russell Stewart.

Unrest at Sydney Olympic and Heidelberg involves two players not getting regular games — Mark Koussas and Juan Toro.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The fans want Koussas to stay in Olympic's attack ahead of Steve Paterson who's so fed up with him that he says he wants to go home to England. And every time things go

wrong for Heidelberg, the fans argue that it was all because Toro didn't play.

Obviously the only way for

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Murray Barnes



George McMillan

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Where have all the

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

soccer lovers gone?

Often enough we bemoan the falling attendances, posing the question: where have the fans gone?

But in similar fashion, we could also ask: why have some of yesterday's officials and coaches vanished?

It's quite extraordinary, really, how easy it appears for some people soaked in soccer tradition to wrench themselves from the game and disappear for good.

Let's take a few names in Sydney, at random:

Jim Bayutti was the founder of the APIA club, president of NSW. No. 2 man in the ASF and the main instigator for Australia to enter its first World Cup in 1965. He is now running his business and is chairman of the Urban Transport Authority. Gone from soccer completely.

Frank Parsons, former Australian international, was also NSW president. A school headmaster — you hardly ever see him at games.

Ian MacAndrew was for years secretary of the ASF. He's still in business in Sydney — another ghost from the past.

Until recently Frank Lowy was chairman of the NSW, now he can't be seen at games, only in his offices at the vast Westfield Corporation.

Much the same can be said about former coaches who, at one time or another, played a prominent role in our soccer.

Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaro, Tony Schwartz, Ferdo Dunaj, Joe Marston and sev-



Jim Bayutti

eral others are completely out of the senior game and only occasionally bob up at matches.

Then—the great players of the 1960s and 1970s: Ninaus, Schuman, Giacometti, Sherwin, Massey, Curry, Moore — where have they disappeared?

Clearly, today's soccer holds no more magic for most of them, otherwise they would have hung onto the umbilical cord somehow.

So next time we wonder why the spectators melt away from the game, we should perhaps try to find out why so many true lovers of soccer also chuck it in and turn to other pastimes.

The loss of so many fine ex-players is perhaps the greatest blow. We must have literally hundreds of former First Division players in Sydney between the ages of 30 and 45 whose skill and experience won't be passed on to future generations.

Do imagine what could be done if our administrators took their task more seriously, if the available funds were used with greater foresight.

We could divide our cities into geographical zones and assign districts and schools into the care of these Les

Schaums, Herbert Ninaus and Stuart Sherwin; we could have every corner of the city covered by a highly qualified former star player.

We could have our juniors taught how to caress and kick the ball by a Leo Baumgartner or Eduardo Massey and not by keen but totally inept fathers, uncles — and often mothers.

I know such a scheme would cost money — but it could be obtained. What is infinitely more difficult is to organise the plan.

Why? Because it's not spectacular enough, it wouldn't produce results tomorrow or next week and it might even be upmarket-oriented.

And yet, if it could be done, in four years or so and then, after we would be able to send teams to the Youth World Cup which are technically accomplished — and thoroughly up to international standards — not just in guts and stamina and all that but in pure football ability, too.

SIR — As a result of your article on the front page of "Soccer Action" two weeks ago regarding the question of ethnic names and their usage in the N.S.L., I would firstly like to congratulate you on your acceptance of the different nationalities of teams in the N.S.L. and secondly to congratulate and voice my support to those clubs refusing to enter the N.S.L. unless their national names are recognised.

Some readers might say "what's in a name?" but I strongly believe in people's nationalities being recognised and considering that the largest portion of soccer supporters in Australia are of ethnic origin I cannot understand why



Leo Baumgartner



Johnny Giacometti

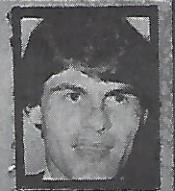
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clubs with ethnic supporters should be deprived of their ethnic names.

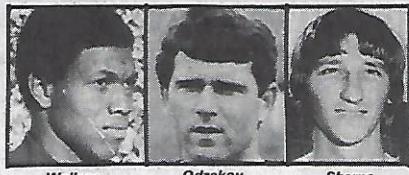
I would especially like to stress in regards to my own club, Preston Makedonia, that 99% of supporters are Macedonian. About half of these supporters come from parts of Macedonia where they are deprived of their national identity and it is therefore very sad that even though they are now living in a democratic and so-called multi-cultural society, there are forces here which would still go to any length to make sure that their national identity and name are suppressed.

On the few occasions that my club has been shown on "Match of the Day," the sup-

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Davo, Russell, Bozanic in \$800,000 class



Wallace **Odzakov** **Sharne**

Watching Macedonia v. South Melbourne Hellas on TV recently, I was most impressed by the organisation of the Hellas team.

Since Len McKendry took over as coach eight weeks ago, Hellas has been beaten only twice — a tremendous achievement.

Talking to Alan Davidson of Hellas, his message is: "Watch out for Hellas! There's a lot of spirit in the team and — the morale is sky-high."

I also liked Makedonia's Zarko Odzakov.

Watching him on TV, he looked a stylish player with a lot of experience behind him

Watch the diet

What is the proper diet for a soccer player?

Reading the views of a dietitian, we find that the body needs three basic materials to function properly — carbohydrates, protein and fat.

The proportion should be 60 per cent carbohydrates, 15 per cent protein and 25 per cent fat.

Foods like steak, chicken, fish and vegetables are sources of all three groups.

It's also important to eat a lot of fresh fruit because they contain A, B and C group vitamins which developed athletes require.

Sharne is so right

Reading Peter Sharne's views since coming back from Hong Kong, I was interested that he says the standard of the game in Australia deteriorated during his absence.

He said the reason was a general lack of highly talented players able to draw crowds.

I agree. A few more highly

talented individuals would do the league the world of good.

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Neil Banfield of Adelaide City Juventus is determined to go out with a bang.

Banfield, who will return to England at the end of the season, climbed to within three points of joint leaders Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) and Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Neither O'Connor nor Yankos polled votes last Sunday.

David Ratcliffe (St. George) climbed to fourth place and Zarko Odzakov (Marconi) to sixth place.

Meanwhile, Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic maintained his lead in the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer's award, although he did not increase his tally.

JAMIE PATON (J.U.S.T.) made the biggest advance,

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

Sydney Olympic v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at St George Stadium, 3pm.

Record: Newcastle 2 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 11.10 goals.

SUNDAY

Wollongong v HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER at Ziems Park, Corrimal, 3pm.

Record: Wollongong 3 wins, 0 draw, 2 losses, 10.7 goals.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v Adelaide City Juventus at St George Stadium.

Record: Adel.C 7 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 24.8 goals.

Brisbane City v Footscray JUST (draw) at Spencer Park, 3pm.

Record: JUST 4 wins, 5 draws, 3 losses, 16.14 goals.

APIA-LEICHHARDT v Marconi-Fairfield at St George Stadium, 4.15pm.

Record: APIA 4 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 13.14 goals.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Brisbane Lions at Connor Reserve, 3pm.

Record: Makedonia 2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 9.7 goals.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v Canberra Arrows at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.

Record: West Adel. 6 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 21.13 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park, 3pm.

Record: Hakoah 7 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses, 19.12 goals.

Paterson fed up

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coaches Tommy D'Oherty and Ken Morton to silence the critics is by winning.

Heidelberg has a good chance this week against troubled Wollongong (see separate story) but Olympic looks doomed to defeat against title-chasing Newcastle KB United.

- Craig Mason should rule the midfield for Newcastle, and central defenders Burns and Watson look capable of holding Marshall Soper and Koussas if he replaces Paterson.

Footscray J.U.S.T. unbeaten for eight weeks now — by far the club's longest unbeaten run in the NSL — aims for two more "firsts".

J.U.S.T.'s highest points total in one season was 25 in

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BANFIELD, PATON MOVE UP

scoring three goals to lift his tally to nine goals.

This week's votes:
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Campbell) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (Bartron, Wilkinson, Petkovski, Marton) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Peter Schwab:

6. Skeen (St. G), 5 Marton (St. G), 4 Tansley (H), 3 Ratcliffe (St. G), 2 Lea (H), 1. O'Shea (St. G).

Brisbane Lions 1 (Wright) APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (Morsello) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Wright (BL), 5. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 4. Bradley (APIA), 3. Vincent (BL), 2. J. Stewart (BL), 1. Bertogna (A).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1 (Brown) NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Kirby) at Marconi

Stadium. Crowd 3272. Votes by Andrew Detre:

6. Mason (N), 5. Henderson (M), 4. Watson (N), 3. Djordjevic (M), 2. Senkalski (N), 1. Licata (M).

CANBERRA ARROWS 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Olertton) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1875. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Hoszowski (C), 5. Ambrosino (C), 4. Odzakov (Mak), 3. Wilson (Mak), 2. Bryant (C), 1. Ollerton (Mak).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 3 (Paton 3) WOLLONGONG 1

(Cotton) at Schineller Reserve. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Paton (JUST), 5. Kyriakouleas (JUST), 4. Curovic (JUST), 3. Cotton (W), 2. McDowell (JUST), 1. Belic (JUST).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 VENTUS 1 (Banfield pen) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 2300. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6. Banfield (AC), 5. Flounders (AC), 4. Rankin (WA), 3. Egan (SM), 2. Halford (St. G), 1. McNally (AC).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 589. Votes by Roger Dewick:

6. Heys (WA), 5. Robertson (SC), 4. Watson (SC), 3. Hiern (WA), 2. Dunn (WA), 1. de Margiray (SC).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 8 BRISBANE CITY 3 (Fabrizio, Bommfield, Williamson) at St. George Stadium. Crowd 3350. Votes by Roger Dewick:

6. Wishart (BC), 5. Rogers (SO), 4. Fabrizio (BC), 3. Glockner (BC), 2. Williamson (BC), 1. Jennings (SO).

LEADERS: 60. Yankos (H), O'Connor (W)

57. Banfield (AC), 53. Ratcliffe (St.G), 52. Davidson (SM), 50. Odzakov (Mak).

46. Bryant (C), Greedy (St.G), 45. Sermanni (M) Kyriakouleas (JUST), 44. Wright (BL), Burke (N), 43. Bradley (APIA), 42. Hoszowski (C), Heys (WA), 40. Henderson (M), 39. Jones (Mak), Lowe (N), 37. Skeen (St. G), Bergota (APIA).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 9 BRISBANE CITY 3 (Fabrizio, Bommfield, Williamson) at St. George Stadium. Crowd 3350. Votes by Roger Dewick:

6. Wishart (BC), 5. Rogers (SO), 4. Fabrizio (BC), 3. Glockner (BC), 2. Williamson (BC), 1. Jennings (SO).

TOP scorers: 1. Soper (SO), 10. Ratcliffe (APIA), 9. Koornalla (SC), O'Connor (W), Ward, Lucchesi (Mak), Paton (KUST), 8. Bryant (C), R. Brown (SM), Egan, D. Brown (SM), Cotton (W), Mountford (N), 7. Morsello (APIA), Hamilton (BC), Katholos (SO), Gomez (C), Wright (BL), Lowe (N), Mullen (AC), 6. Gibson (C), Jankovics, Bozanic (M), Paterson (SO), Slater, Marion (St.G), J. Campbell, Lea (H), Odzakov (Mak), Mason (N).

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All systems go for bigger NSL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The format of the 1984 regionalised National League should be finalised on Sunday.

And the Australian Soccer Federation meeting on Saturday is likely to vote in favor of the plan to enlarge and regionalise the NSL.

In the meantime, the remaining pockets of resistance will have been eliminated.

The Victorian State League and Metropolitan League meet tomorrow (Thursday) and despite some difficulties presented by the latter, the meeting is expected to OK the NSL's plans.

It is expected that the Victorian NSL clubs and the State League clubs will share 50 per cent of the votes on the VSF, with the other 50 per cent being retained by the Metropolitan League.

And the State League's present six-man representation on the board of management is likely to be shared with the NSL clubs.

The NSW Executive voted 7-8 to support the plans.

A meeting of NSW clubs will make a final decision tonight (Wednesday).

But already, Croatia, Melita Eagles and Blacktown City have said they would join the enlarged NSL regardless of whether or not it is given State blessing.

Under the regionalisation proposals, the NSL will be increased in size from 16 to 24 clubs. This involves adding four clubs from the NSW State League and four clubs from the Victorian State League.

In Victoria, the eight NSL clubs would form their own youth league instead of running secondary teams in VSF leagues.

This means there would be four vacancies in the State League and four in the Metropolitan League, giving eight clubs the chance to be promoted.

Competition for places in the new-look NSL is hotting up, with Sutherland making a strong bid to join Croatia, Melita Eagles and Blacktown in the northern region, and Fawkner launching a determined drive to be included in the southern region.

Much has been said about the other candidates, including Juventus, Croatia, Ajax and George Cross, but Fawkner believes its credentials are at least equally as good, and its crowd support among the highest in the present State League.

Fawkner president Greg Schipano points to the club's impressive social club and floodlit home ground, its strong financial sponsorship and a team studded with former NSL stars and talented youngsters.

Meanwhile, a number of changes are likely to the rules of the 1984 NSL.

As regionalisation will cut travel costs, it is likely that the two substitute rule will be reinstated.

There also is talk about scrapping three points for a win and going back to the two-point system.

No wages for the Wolves

Wollongong is in serious danger of disintegration following a club decision to suspend payments to its players until the end of the season — provided funds are available.

The Wolves board told a players' meeting last week the club was not in a position to pay its players because of a cash shortage.

Chairman Laurie Kelly told the players the club had to pay its National League dues and other creditors and could not meet the players' payments.

The men did not receive a warm reception from the 13 contracted players.

One player said the measure would not help the team's morale while another went further by saying several players were considering leaving the club at the end of the season.

"The club cannot expect the players to play for nothing," he said.

"We're professionals and it is obvious we must seek better conditions of employment."

The Wollongong board will meet on Monday to discuss the latest developments in a season which is proving to be a disaster — both ends of the field.

The team is bottom of the league and has yet to win a match at home.

In a final bid to ease the financial situation, the club has raised its admission fee from \$4 to \$5.

But it remains to be seen what effect this rise will have on the remaining games at Ziems Park.

— PHILIP MICALLEF

Mitchell scores for Rangers

David Mitchell, bought from Sydney City Hakoah for \$29,000, made a dream debut for Glasgow Rangers, scoring after only three minutes in a Scottish League Cup win over Queen of the South on Saturday.

Mitchell prodded home a chance set up by Ally McCoist. That put Queen of the South 0-5 behind on aggregate in this second leg tie, but they pulled one back when Rangers' Craig Patterson headed into his own net.

McKinnon restored the advantage for the Ibrox side and Cooper and McCoist added late goals to make the match score 4-1.

Mitchell has scored eight goals in 13 games for Australia. He also scored two goals in 14 games for the Australian youth team.

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SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 589. Votes by Roger Dewick:

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72 goals for Jamie Paton

Foots JUST 3
Wollongong 1

Scorers: 0-1 Cotton 10m,
1-1 Paton 44m, 2-1 Paton

65m, 3-1 Paton 85m.

Ground: Schindler Reserve
Attendance: 1500 (estimat-

te)

Referee: Evan Venios 7

Cautions: Gaffney, Dunle-

vy, Cotton, Willis

JUVENTUS JUST - Boland

8; Currie 8, Kyriakoufous 9,

Tutill 8, O'Donnell 8, Taylor 8,

McDowell 8, Belic 8, Paton 9,

Carroll 8, Purdie 8 (Ljubic 69m).

Coach Bobby McLachlan.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff

7; Willis 6, Duleavy 7, Vlaet-

stra 6, Fleming 6; Gaffney 6,

Ainsworth 6, Kerr 6; Cotton 8,

Dickson 6, O'Connor 6. Coach

Willie Wallace.

One of Heidelberg presi-

dent Sam Goulopoulos per-

haps is owing up to mistak-

es.

But he already willingly has

conceded to Zlka Karlic, his

counterpart from JUST, that

the biggest error he made this

year was to let Jamie Paton

leave the club.

So it's just as well that

Goulopoulos was not at Schin-

der Reserve on Sunday, for he

might have ended up tearing

out his neatly-parted hair

watching Paton return to his

deadliest around the six-yard

box, to notch up a hat-trick

while the Bergers were once

again frittering away chances

against St George.

Paton has taken on a new

lease of life at JUST, estab-

lishing a good understanding

with Joe Carroll and regaining

the old sniffer instinct that had

lured him to a total of 83 goals

in six seasons at West (2 for

Pratihan Slavija and 42 for

Heidelberg). His total, including

the nine for JUST, now is 72.

On Sunday his exploits were

single handedly responsible

for JUST notching three goals

in a game for the first time

this season.

He grabbed his first on the

stroke of half time, following a

good break and an equally

good cross from Ken Taylor on

the right flank. Ian Purdie got

a touch but stumbled and re-

covered sight of the ball only

as Paton swiped it off it

into the net from close range.

For his second, Paton took

advantage of total confusion

between central defenders

Chris Duleavy and Ray

Vlaetstra, who completely mis-

judged a long sweeping goal-

kick from Dennis Boland, to

nip in and slot the ball into an

empty net with keeper Natch

Vardareff hopelessly stranded

in no man's land.

The third came five minutes

from the end, again from a

cross, this time supplied by

Brian O'Donnell, and this time

finishing off the work of

Carroll who bamboozled the

Wolves defence to leave his

way around the box, then

supply the pass for Paton to

hammer home again from

inside the six-yard area.

There could have been a

fourth in the final minute when

Vardareff could only parry

Paton's shot from the right.

The ball fell for Vlatko Belic

who needed only to side-foot it

home but instead tried to blast

it and succeeded only in ballooni-

ng it over the bar.

The scoring chances empha-

ised JUST's superiority over

an ordinary Wollongong side,

with an uncertain defence, a

midfield with little fighting

spirit, and "an attack that

doesn't function unless Phil O'

Connor is in form."

The Socceros winger was

subdued totally by Suleiman

Curovic, who gave a much

more disciplined display than

the previous week against Hei-

delberg, and so it was left to

Roy Cotton to provide the few

attacking moves the Wolves could muster.

Yet it should have been oh so

different after a brilliant start

in which Wollongong unsettled

JUST's rhythm and then had

the team rattled with Cotton's

10th minute goal.



Peter Desira



Oscar Crino of Hellas rises above Juventus defender Phil Cole to win an aerial duel. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Skeen stops Bergers, Marton does damage

**Heidelberg 1
St George 4**

Scorers: 0-1 Barton 18th;
1-1 Campbell 27th; 2-1 Wilkin-

son 38th; 3-1 Petkovski 41st;

4-1 Marton 82nd.

Venue: Olympic Village.

Crowd: about 2000.

Referee: Chris Cambridge 8.

Cautions: Macleod 6,

Barton (St.G), Tansey (H).

HEIDELBERG ALEXAN-

DER: Kardamitis 5 — McKie

7, Yankos 7, Macleod 6,

Tansey 8 — Selimidis 5,

Spanos 7, Petersen 6 (Toro

62nd) — Cole 6, Campbell 6,

Lea 8. Coach: Ken Marton.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST:

Greedy 8 — Skeen 9, Ratcliffe

8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 8

— Petkovski 7, J. O'Shea 6,

Barton 6 (inj. sub. Stone 88th)

— Slater 8, Marton 9, Wilkin-

son 7. Coach: Frank Arok.

This was St George's big-

gest victory and Heidelberg's

biggest defeat of the season.

It leaves St George with an

outside chance of catching

league leader Makedonia, and

Heidelberg with the unen-

vable record of having won

only one of its past 11 match-

es.

Vying for league leadership

early in the year, Heidelberg

now is in last position

and in need of a few new

players particularly since for-

ward Derek Lea is said to be

returning to the UK at the

end of the year.

Dex Marton and David

Skeen were the stars of St

George, while Jim Tansey was

the only Heidelberg player to

stand out.

Skeen beat everyone who

came near him in defence, and

Marton, shaking off all oppos-



Laurie Schwab

tion, was back at his most brill-

iant best, setting up a goal for

Paul Wilkinson with a cut-back

cross to the far post, and scor-

ing one himself eight minutes

from the end, with a bit of help

from Robbie Slater.

But when Marton angled

back his cross in the 38th min-

ute, Paul Wilkinson was com-

pletely unmarked at the far

post, and had the easiest of tasks

in heading past Kardamitis for

goal number two.

Just before half time, Hei-

delberg came close to fighting

back once more. A shot by

Gary Cole was punched away

by Greedy, who fell to the

ground in the process. Camp-

bell picked up the loose ball

and sent it into the empty net.

Greedy snapped to his feet and

flew acrobatically to save

Campbell's shot, leaving the

final score 3-1.

Toro replaced Petersen in

the 62nd minute, and Hei-

delberg attacked with a lot of

determination. St George, howev-

er, was much too strong and

well-organised in defence, where Skeen continued to

shine, and David Ratcliffe

swept up efficiently.

With everyone pushing for-

ward, the danger of a St George breakaway was ever-

present.

It finally came in the 82nd

minute, and predictably, it was

engineered by Marton.

The old fox speared a

through pass down the wing

to Graham Heys in the 56th

minute but his well-struck shot

from less than 10 metres was

blocked by the alert Pezzano.

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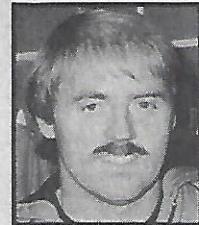
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Peter Ollerton

**Canberra 0
Makedonia 1**

Goal: Ollerton
Venue: Bruce Stadium
Makedonia: Wilson, B.,
Opasinski, J., Petrovski, T.,
Iloski, J., Jones, T., Todorovski,
T., Campbell, S., Flavell, T.,
Farrell, T., Ozdakov, S., Oller-
ton, S.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, S.,
Ambrosino, S., Young, T., Mur-
ray, T., Walsh, T., Gibson, T.,
Bryant, S., Stone, T., Farina, T.,
Redmond, T., (Brennan, 65th),
MacLaren, T.

Ref: H. Wilkinson, T.
Crowd: 1,875
Cautions: Wilson and Stone.

BIG PETER OLLERTON, leg-
weary but game-wise was
Makedonia's hero as he
scored the solitary goal
against Canberra — a goal
that increased Makedonia's
lead at the top of the NSL.

Canberra did by far the
greater amount of pressing —
particularly in the last 15
minutes — but Makedonia was



Peter Windsor

always creative and dangerous
on the break.

Constantly Canberra's use
of the high ball enabled Makedo-
nia's big midfield and backline
to dominate in the air.

Finally, Makedonia didn't
look like out-and-away NSL

front-runners.

Perhaps their secret lies in
Peter Ollerton's summation of
the game: "Consistency is
what today's NSL is all about."

"And we are consistent.
Last weekend's aberration
apart, we rarely give much
away at the back and we take
our chances."

"Today we should have had
the game won by half-time. We
created the chances but squandered
several."

"Only once did Canberra
really beat the defence — and
that was late in the game."

That's true, and it came
when front-runner Don Mac-
Laren burst through on the left
flank and tried a close-range
goal shot which was brilliantly
saved by Wilson.

Wilson, ex-Canberra, had
one of his best games of the
season.

So too did Canberra's
goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski
— and remember that it was
these two goalkeepers who
used to fight hard to gain a
regular first team spot with
Canberra.

Hoszowski pulled off two
superb saves when goals
looked certain — particularly
in the second half with shots
from Zarco Ozdakov and
George Campbell.

Tragically for Canberra Ollerton's
match — winner came from
a defensive blunder, the
only real blunder of the game.

A headed clearance found
the big fellow well positioned
on the edge of the box and he
brushed aside Canberra's
Andrew Young and placed his
shot well wide of Hoszowski.

Then Canberra pressed in-
cessantly but Makedonia's
defence showed why it has one
of the best records of the competi-
tion.

But this wasn't a game that
Canberra should have lost. A
draw would have been emi-
nently fair.

Canberra's forward line, the
same that crashed against
Newcastle the week before,
just didn't look sufficient
goal hungry.

And it's hard to say whether
big Tony Brennan has regained
all of his old form. He replaced
Phil Redmond in the 65th
minute and while he was on I
thought he showed something
like total commitment — and
the zest and determination
which traditionally have been
associated with Brennan.

But this game? From
Canberra's spectators' point of view
it was nail-biting. The
game was incredible. And
Canberra did try — desper-
ately — for the equaliser but
just didn't pull it off.

Yet no-one but no-one can
accuse the players of not at
least giving total effort.

**APIA hits back but
Wright on way up****Brisb. Lions 1
APIA 1**

Scorers, BL: Wright 64th;

APIA: Morsello 85th.

Caution: Wright (BL)

Venue: Richlands Sta-
dium

Crowd: — about 1000.

Referee: Gordon Nichol-
son 5.

LIONS: Beves 6,
McClurg 7, Vincent 8, Vas-
quez 6, Niven 7, R. Stewart
6, J. Stewart 8, Ogden 7
(Anderson 63rd), Hogg 7,
Daunt 6, Wright 8.

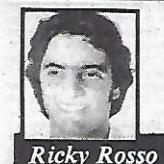
APIA: Parkes 7, Carter 7,
Brown 6, Bartogna 8, Ma-
riani 7, Butler 6, Bradley 8,
Gray 6, Morsello 7, P. Tre-
dinnick 8, De Ceglie 6.

Brisbane Lions striker
Danny Wright is set to
become one of the hottest
properties in Australia
when his contract with the
club expires at the end of
this season.

Wright has hit a purple
patch and has been praised
by a number of coaches, includ-
ing Sydney City's Eddie
Thomson and Brisbane
City's Jim Hermitage.

And the red-haired centre
forward impressed everyone,
and no doubt APIA's Fil
Baldini will be the next
individual goal at Richlands.

Wright got a flick from
substitute Clark Anderson,
his first touch of the ball,
and made a speedy break
down the right flank. Wright



Ricky Rosso

cut into the penalty box but

were repelled by the byline by
APIA's cover defence of
Mark Brown and Bertie Mc-
Ritchie.

Where most players would
have gone for the corner kick
by blasting the ball onto
their opponents' legs, Wright
proceeded to weave, turn
and jostle his way around the
APIA pair to give himself a
narrow but clear sight at
goal.

With little more than the
width of the ball open to him
between APIA keeper Rob
Parkes and the upright,
Wright brilliantly squeezed
his shot into the goal.

Parkes put a shot onto the
upright a minute before the
break.

Local coach Simon Kis-
temaker gave his team
a half-time pep talk and the
Brisbane side was much
more committed in the opening
part of the second half.

But just as Lions seemed
to have the match in their
keeping the tireless efforts
of Bradley and Peter Tredin-
nick began to pay off.

Quick passing through the
APIA Midfield and sensible
running up front opened up
the Lions defence. Beves
scored a shot by Bradley that
seemed certain to go in the
net when Morsello headed the
equaliser from a Tredinnick
cross.

**Wind plays the game,
Kirby a little lucky****Marconi 1
Newcastle 1**

Andrew Dettre

This, however, stifled the
midfield line where McCulloch
and Sermanni were outrun and
outwitted by their New-
castle counterparts.

Still, the Newcastle goal in
the 31st minute had more than
reasonable doubt about it.

Kirby, lurking on the right
wing, found a ball popping up
in front of him, probably two
metres offside, and placed his
shot under the diving James'
body into the net.

Out of the blue, Marconi
equalised. In the 41st minute
Licata's measured cross from
the left sailed over Gosling to
the far post where Rod Brown
rose well to nod it home.

The second half saw pre-
cious few constructive moves

Marconi gained its second
wind when Jankovics came on
to replace a slightly injured
Lieft and began to push for-
ward from his ideal position.

With Djordjevic having
moved into the attack, Mar-
coni began to look threatening.

Steve Winn had two good
chances in the goalmouth but,
in his first match after a long
lay off, clearly lacked sharp-
ness.

Then, in the 90th minute, the
visitors almost snatched the
three points: Buckley's cross
from the left was met by
Mountford at the far post but
his diving header missed by inches.

That, actually, was the last
touch of the ball.

**Fabrizio starts it,
Wishart brilliant****Syd Olympic 0
Brisb City 3**

By ROGER DEWICK

straight into Kim Wishart at
his very best.

Four minutes: Wishart brav-
ely at Soper's feet.

Eight minutes: Wishart at
point-blank range from Pater-
son.

Ten Minutes: Wishart from
Paterson.

Eleven minutes: Wishart at
the feet of Soper again.

Perhaps Olympic should
have packed up there and then
and not leave it until midway
through the second half.

Boos for referee Richard
Lorenz in the 16th minute as he
indicated a dive by Soper instead
of an apparent trip by Liddell six metres from goal.

But all the wishful thinking
in the world does not score
goals. It requires method,
creativity and teamwork and
honest endeavour — all of
which were in short supply for
Olympic.

Plenty of fancy football
without directness or punch
but the City defence was not
going to give in without a
struggle and no way could be
found past it or that magnifi-
cent man in goal.

Not that the excitable crowd
had any indication of what was
to come during the first 35
minutes or so. It was all Olympic.

Playing at 100 kilometres an
hour they went straight for
their opponents and ran

Against all the odds and the
run for play Billy Williamson
left the ball out from the
left side to find Fabrizio 35
metres from goal a run for 15
metres, a chip over Meier and
City was one up.

Paterson is off at the inter-
val and Mark Koussas appears.
Not that it makes any
difference to that man Wishart.

A blinding save in the 50th
minute from a well-struck
Katholos free kick really puts
the writing on the wall.

57 minutes: A quick break, a
high clearance by Herbert,
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SOUTH MELBOURNE



HELLAS—SEVEN TITLES: AND NOW THE CUP?

South Melbourne Hellas shared with Juventus the honor of having won the most championships in the history of top grade soccer in Victoria. South Melbourne has won seven titles in top company: in 1962, '64, '65, '66, '72, '74 and '76.

Now Hellas is trying to win its first NSL title and the National Cup.

The major factors in Hellas's success have been strong spectator support, the flow of funds that results from such support and a constant supply of top-class players, especially forwards. Star forwards who have worn the club's colours over the years include: Con Nestorides, Jim Armstrong, Chris Georgoussis, John Margaritis, Dave Gorrie, Mike Mandalis, Leo Damianakos, Jim Adam, John Anderson.



Boulos Kamberopoulos



Hellas great, striker Ernie Ackerley (left) is foiled with this sliding attempt at goal by the George Cross keeper.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

son, Tony Karagiannis, Ulysses Kokkinos, Ernie Ackerley, Tony Hatzileftheriou, Jim Pyrgolios, Peter Ollerton, John Bedford who switched to defence later in his career, Alan Barnes, ex-Liverpool, and current striker Charlie Egan, summer of the 1981 Victorian Rothman's Medal.

South Melbourne was formed late in 1959 by the amalgamation of Hellenic and Yarra Park. But the new club had no ground so a few months later it linked up with South Melbourne United which used Middle Park. The driving force behind the amalgamation was Theo Marmaras, then president of Hellenic. Mr Marmaras went on to become South Melbourne's longest-serving president, chairman and president of the Victorian Soccer Federation and a leading official in the Australian Soccer Federation.

Of the three clubs that formed the South Melbournes of today, South Melbourne United was the oldest. Records show that in 1933 a Royal Caledonians—South Melbourne United combination won the Harry Armstrong Cup for reserve teams. Yarra Park and Hellenic both had unsuccessful seasons in the State League... Hellenic finishing second last in 1958 and Yarra Park last in 1959. South Melbourne United never got higher than First Division.

The records of each of the three clubs from 1955 to 1959 were:

HELLENIC second to Wilhelmina in Third Division, 1955; third in Second Division behind Wilhelmina and Geelong, 1956; second to George Cross in Second Division, 1957; second last in State League, 1958; second last in First Division North, 1959.

YARRA PARK third behind Brunswick and Croatian Metropolitan South, 1955; champion of Metropolitan South, 1956; champion of Third Division, 1957; champion of First Division South, 1958, fourth in First Division, 1959. Yarra Park's 1959 season was a disaster. Suffering defeats of 0-13 to J.U.S.T., 0-12 to Wilhelmina and Slavia and 0-8 to Hakoah and Moreland, it won only one game and finished with a point total of four... seven behind Geelong.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED third behind Slavia and Prahran in Second Division South, 1955; fifth in Second Division, 1956; third behind George Cross and Hellenic in Second Division, 1957; second to Yarra Park in First Division South, 1958; fourth in First Division, 1959. Yarra Park's 1959 season was a disaster. Suffering defeats of 0-13 to J.U.S.T., 0-12 to Wilhelmina and Slavia and 0-8 to Hakoah and Moreland, it won only one game and finished with a point total of four... seven behind Geelong.



South Melbourne Hellas' 1976 State League champion team. Back row: Mike Pye, Lou Tsigaris, Gary Groenwald, Howard Andres, Jim Mackay, Jim Armstrong, Steve Walker, John Kennedy, club official. Front row: John Daperis, Peter Bourne, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Duncan Cummings, Giovanni Batticciotto, Peter Ollerton, Chris Kalafatidis.

In 1960, its first year of competition, South Melbourne Hellas won the First Division North championship by an incredible 12 points. The club was undefeated that year drawing only once — 3-3 with Corio. It collected 35 points and scored 79 goals to 11. Its players that season included George Papadopoulos, Peter Tzaponis, Chris Poulos, John Margaritis, Savas Salambasis (ex-Panathinaikos), Harry Vamvakas, Tony Karagiannis, Jim Mantzaris, John Hadzigeorgiou, Chris Georgoussis and Stefan Fortunatos. South Melbourne had much talent that year that it also won the reserve grade from Coburg and Sunshine City and reached the semi-finals of the under 17s in the Linton Cup before being beaten by the strong North Sunshine 8-2. South Melbourne also reached the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup and Armstrong Cup, before going down 0-2 and 0-3 to Hakoah in the respective competitions.

The following year, 1961, Hellas managed fifth place in the State League which was a good result at its first attempt. The ladder of order that year, was: Polonia, George Cross, Wilhelmina, Hakoah, South Melbourne, Slavia, J.U.S.T., Melbourne, Juventus, Moreland, Richmond and Box Hill. In the Armstrong Cup, South Melbourne lost the semi-final 1-4 to Wilhelmina which went on to win the trophy.

Manos Poukakis came from Egypt to coach South Melbourne in 1962 and led the club to its first State League championship.

In 1963 South Melbourne recruited Victorian representative Tommy Anderson from George Cross and John Anderson from Hakoah. Tommy Anderson now is a prominent soccer writer. But despite these star recruits, the season was not a successful one, with South Melbourne finishing sixth behind J.U.S.T., Polonia, George Cross, Slavia and Wilhelmina.

Success almost came in the pre-season

Ampol Cup competition where Polonia beat South Melbourne 1-0 in the final. John Margaritis was top scorer in the season with seven but he was way behind the league's top marksman Eddy Jankowski of Polonia who scored 21. More great players were recruited in 1964 and South Melbourne returned to winning form. Andreas Roussis from Greek First Division club Apollon moved into the team at centre-half. Peter Tsitsos took over in goal and won State selection and winger Jim Adam became one of the club's all-time greats. Ernie Ackerley also joined that year. He played two senior games with Manchester United before moving to Blackpool and finally to Fourth Division club Barrow before coming to Australia. Fitzroy-Alexander's goal keeper Sam Service (who later went to West Adelaide) switched to Hellas and winger Jim Pyrgolios was imported from Panathinaikos.

With reinforcements came another championship. This time Hellas won from George Cross, J.U.S.T. and Juventus. In the Dockerty Cup, the club was again

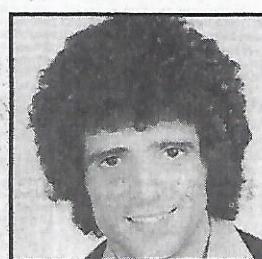
beaten in the semi-finals, this time by Slavia, 2-1 after extra time. A clearance finally arrived extra winged Leo Damianakos of Creek Second Division club Kalamata in 1965. Damianakos had arrived the previous year but had sat on the bench for the entire season. The 1965 team was made up of John Anderson, John Bedford, Stratos Kalageros, Andreas Roussis, Sam Service, John Margaritis, Jim Pyrgolios, Boulos Kamberopoulos, Ernie Ackerley, Mike Mandalis and Leo Damianakos.

Con Nestorides was the greatest centre-forward Greece produced since the war and he starred with Greek national team and with AEK. When he joined Hellas at the age of 37 in 1966, crowds doubled immediately. With Nestorides captain-coach and David Kelly and Victorian representative David High joining from Slavia, South Melbourne again won the championships this time finishing two points clear of Slavia with Hakoah and Melbourne in third and fourth positions.

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Only the start

The revival of the South Melbourne Hellas team has come about through improved player performances within the organisational framework established by Len McKendry, who replaced Rafe Basic as coach on Tuesday, June 28 this year.

"When all's said and done, it's the players, the lads out there on the field, who win games for you," said McKendry, the former Victorian Director of Coaching, State team coach, and Heidelberg, Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully Ajax coach.

"We've improved out of sight recently, but I want to stress that recent results are simply examples of the birth of a team. I put the media ballyhoo about championships and Cups right out of my mind. I've tried to give the team a method of play and to settle most positions in the side. Look, we haven't done anything yet. We're just starting."

McKendry is the man who gave credibility to the performing amateur Victorian State team, the only coach to be involved in the winning of an NSL honor by a Melbourne-based club (Heidelberg's minor success in 1980) and the man who coached Green Gully Ajax to a staggering 5-0 Ampol Cup final win this year against Heidelberg Alexander, accounting for Hellas 2-0 along the way.

Good spot to eat

Hellas secretary Nick Sagias has taken over Mike Mandali's Taverna at 1030 High Street, Armadale (509 7274) and offers all "Soccer Action" readers a 25 per cent discount on meals.

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Len McKendry



South Melbourne Hellas. Back row: Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alan Davidson, Bobby Russell, Ken Murphy, Doug Brown. Front row: Charlie Egan, John Yzendoorn, Steve Woodin, Carl Ha Laumets, Oscar Crino. Inset: Branko Buljevic. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Great coaches, great players, a legacy of success

(From page 7)

However, the appointment of top coach Lou Brocic, who was later to coach Kuwait's national team, paid off and Hellas finished in third place behind Croatia and Polonia and won the 1969 Ampol Cup by beating Croatia 2-1 with Brocic's side scoring the first goal and Damianos converting a penalty. Micic, the long-serving J.U.S.T. star, had switched to South Melbourne but was to return to J.U.S.T. after only one year. Another five Greek imports came in 1969 and again the committee was to regret it. Taylas played one and a half games, and Kalogirou made a few appearances, but Asimomitis, Panagiotou and Panagiotopoulos were not good enough. All five returned to Greece at the end of the season. South Melbourne finished in seventh place, with 10 points, behind Footscray, J.U.S.T., Juventus, Wilhelmina, Croatia, Hakoah and Lions.

In 1970, Hellas concentrated its funds on recruiting local players, having learned from its past mistakes. Centre back Steve Walker came from Lions for \$3500 and striker Jimmy Armstrong from Hakoah for \$6000. They went on to become two of South Melbourne's all-time greats. Ulysses Kokkinos returned from Greece, where he had failed to try his luck. His return cost South Melbourne \$2000. Goalkeeper Tim Augar, winger Geoff Gould and full back Alan Marshall, who went on to represent the State, were imported from England. Brocic returned to lead the club to its second successive Ampol Cup victory but he quit soon afterwards, leaving the job to former Polonia and Victoria champion Vic Janczyk. But 1970

was the year of Juventus and South Melbourne had to be content with fifth place.

South Melbourne's bid for the title in 1971 was hampered by the loss of Kokkinos who returned to Greece yet again midway through the season. Kokkinos started 1971 in great style scoring three goals in the Ampol Cup and two in the State's first match against Toyo Kogyo of Japan. Perhaps Kokkinos would have made a one-point difference necessary for South Melbourne to win the title. Making a welcome return to the team after having spent most of the season on the sidelines was Ernie Ackerley who scored four valuable goals in the last four games - two of them against Footscray in South Melbourne's 3-2 victory against the 1971 champion Big Tom Clarke, one of the most robust strikers in Australia. He also found form towards the end of the season, scoring Slobodan Zoraja of J.U.S.T. as the only two players to score four in one match that year. Jim Armstrong was South's top scorer with 13. Jim Pyrgolios won the Bill Fleming Medal as Victorian Player of the Year.

New coach Bill Curran, who had done most of his coaching with juniors, introduced two excellent young full backs to the team in 1972, namely Giovanni Batticciotto, 16, and Bill Hasapis, 17. Peter Bourne was imported from English club, Burnley, to link up with Ian Marshall in midfield. Bourne and Marshall became key players in the Victorian team. In his debut for South Melbourne against Juventus in the first round of the 1972 Ampol Cup, Bourne scored one of his team's three goals and was best man on the field. However, South Mel-



John Bedford

bourne had an unsettled team during the Ampol Cup and finished second last in its group. George Cross, with John Gardiner in superb form, led the league for most of the 1972 season. However, Jim Armstrong was scoring goals galore, Bourne and Marshall were brilliant in midfield, Bedford and Walker were solid in defence. South Melbourne stayed with George Cross all the way and finally in the 21st round took over in first place. It managed only a scoreless draw with Juventus in the last round while George Cross beat Austria 2-1. This left the top two clubs tied on 39 points each but South Melbourne took the title on goal difference. Armstrong, with 17 goals, was top scorer in the league and Bourne finished runner-up to John Gardiner in the Rothmans Medal voting.

In 1973, one of Victoria's foremost forwards, Bill McIntyre, switched to South Melbourne after Croatia the club he had served for

so long was expelled from the V.F. National Little, a promising young forward from Altona City, also was tried out but South Melbourne again fared badly in the pre-season Ampol Cup losing all three of its group matches. Andy Bozikas, who later was to move to Heidelberg United, started his senior career that year. After 21 rounds, George Cross and South Melbourne were tied on 29 points with George Cross ahead on goal average. Both clubs won their last-round matches as well but J.U.S.T. had two games in hand. It won both - 1-0 against Juventus and 2-1 against Melbourne to win the title by one point.

Burke had to bring its run or bad luck to a clenching end in 1974. Young Arthur Xanthopoulos had by now established himself, and new men in the team were Andy Savage from Scotland, Nick Nechvogl from Adelaide, Kokkinos, who was back for yet another stint and occasionally Ross Smith, who was later to become Victorian Director of Coaching and assistant national coach. With Armstrong scoring regularly, Bourne dominating the midfield, South Melbourne led the field for most of the season to win the championship with 33 points, four more than runner-up George Cross with J.U.S.T. third and Heidelberg United fourth.

Armstrong, with 22 goals, was top scorer in the league. The great Jimmy Mackay joined South Melbourne from Hakoah Sydney in early 1973 and Kalafatidis stepped up from the reserves to take his place in defence. South Melbourne reached the Ampol Cup final only to be beaten 1-0 by J.U.S.T., and Armstrong, with five goals, was equal top-scorer of the series. After the Cup, rightback Mike Pye

transferred to South from Wilhelmina. Paul Murphy, who had been runner-up to Armstrong in the 1973 goalscorers stakes, was recruited from George Cross after South Melbourne had lost out to the 1975 league season. Howard Andrews from South Africa was another newcomer. Murphy failed to reproduce the goalscoring form he had shown at George Cross but South Melbourne managed to improve nevertheless. But the improvement was insufficient and Hellas had to be content with second place behind Heidelberg United (then called Alexander) and coached by former South boss Morris Petrakidis.

However, there was consolation in the Deckerty Cup which South Melbourne won for the second year running. In 1974 it had beaten Wilhelmina 4-1 in the final with goals by Marshall, Armstrong, Nechvogl and Bourne. In 1975 it won the Cup by beating tenacious Sunshine City 2-1 with a goal by Macrae and a penalty by Armstrong.

Peter Ollerton (\$9000 from APIA) and Duncan Cummings (\$10,000 from Melbourne) were South Melbourne's star recruits early in 1976. Appropriately, the strengthened team started the season by winning the Ampol Cup beating J.U.S.T. 4-1 in the final. Ollerton notched a hat-trick in that match and with a total of seven goals was top scorer of the competition. Margaritis Hagegeanou established himself as left back and Ollerton as right. South Melbourne went on to win the championship by a massive nine points from runner-up J.U.S.T. Mooroolbark was third and George Cross fourth. South Melbourne also claimed an unofficial Australian championship after having beaten NSW champion St. George.



Jim Pyrgolios

in a home and away tie drawing 1-1 in Sydney and winning 2-1 in Melbourne with goals by Kalafatidis and Hagegeanou, a victory inspired by the brilliance of Jimmy Mackay in midfield.

The 1977 season saw the start of the nation-wide Philips Soccer League. South Melbourne, Footscray, Heidelberg United and Mooroolbark United were among the teams that made up the inaugural competition. South Melbourne, twice-listed champions Steve Walker and Jim Armstrong claiming they were "too old", and it lost Peter Bourne and Jimmy Mackay. This took the backbone out of the team and not even recruits of the calibre of Jack Reilly, Ian Gibson (both from Heidelberg), Bill Rogers (APIA), Chris Kent (Wilhelmina), Anton Dosen (Hakoah), Tony Gardiner (Essendon), Graham French could change that. French had been bought from Mooroolbark because he had been top scorer in the State League in 1976, but he failed

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Anezakis—I knew Len was the man!

The Leo Anezakis story reads like a script for a Hollywood feature film of the 1950's. You've all heard the one about the battling immigrant who defies all odds to eventually climb to the top of the tree.

The migrant myth of Australia being the promised land hadn't been unmasked when Anezakis arrived here in 1959. Indeed, his tale suggests paradoxically that myth may be couched at the end of reality.

Just one year after Anezakis arrived here from his native Salonica in Greece as a qualified toolmaker with a Diploma in Engineering, he had become the first European to be appointed foreman of the toolmaking department at Ford Australia's Melbourne plant. Four years later he married, bought a farm in Green-



Leo Anezakis

sborough, sold it after a further four years, and started his own company, Lanez Engineering Pty Ltd.

The successful businessman climaxed his success as a soccer club administrator late last year when he was elected to the presidency of South Melbourne Hellas at the Greek giant's annual general meeting.

Anezakis played two trial games for Franklin Salonica then played with Greek Second Division Club Mest between 1955 and 1958. His first Australian club was Yarra Park but he was un-

happy playing in the reserves so he switched to Hellenic to play alongside good friend Alex Nanas. Theo Marmaras was president of Hellenic at the time and when Hellenic, Yarra Park and South Melbourne United amalgamated to form South Melbourne Hellas, Anezakis became a research supporter of the new club.

But it took until 1975 for

Anezakis to become actively involved in committee affairs. He had taken his elder son, Emanuel, to Hellas to play in the under-10's. The junior president at that time, George Lekatas, wanted to resign and he recommended to senior president Sam Papasavas that Anezakis be appointed president of the juniors with Peter Dourios vice-president. Papasavas agreed.

Anezakis was voted onto the senior committee when the National League was formed in 1977 and also took over as team manager. In his long term as team manager, which only ended last year when he became president, he worked alongside six coaches — Manny Pouliakakis, Kotis Xanthopoulos, Dave MacLaren, Duncan Mackay, John Margaritis and Tommy Docherty.

"Pouliakakis is a nice man and he knew a lot about the game. He was a good coach but a bit too soft on the players. And some of his ideas were a bit old-fashioned," said Anezakis.

"The committee asked Manny to resign a few games before the end of the 1978 season and Kotis Xanthopoulos took over as caretaker coach. Then we approached Dave MacLaren in his last term as team manager from Sydney City Hakoah and he accepted the job.

"Dave still is a very good friend of mine. He's a top personality and he had two very good years at Hellas. I think I told him for him that the team lost a few games in a row during his second season. He also had trouble with Peter Ollerton and Jack Reilly and he had to get rid of them. Ollerton was a difficult player to control. Reilly was critical of MacLaren and I didn't like that I told Ollerton to get rid of him."

"Duncan Mackay took over for about 10 games. He wanted to run the team his way and he was pretty strict. His last game was against Canberra at Canberra. On the flight back to Melbourne he told me that he was very disappointed with the team. He said he would come back to Hellas unless we gave him a two-year contract but we didn't have time to negotiate because he didn't turn up at the next training session. I think he had lost his heart for the job."

"John Margaritis took over for the last few games of the 1979 season. I respect John a lot. He knows that. He's a very good coach who thinks a lot about tactics and

\$425,000 THE TOP BUDGET

South Melbourne Hellas' biggest annual turnover since becoming a founder member of the NSL in 1977, was \$425,000 in 1981, the year the team finished second in the league.

Hellas' turnover last year was \$398,000. The reason for the large 1981 figure was the bonus scheme for the players. That scheme gave them incentive money for every week they were on top of the league.

The man with his finger on the financial pulse of the club is George Vassilopoulos, 32, who has been treasurer since 1978. He works as an accountant for the Westpac organisation and came to Australia from Kalamata in southern Greece in 1964.

"I played a few games with the Hellas juniors but I never amounted to much. My ambition after I didn't make it as a player, was to join the committee," said Vassilopoulos.

He remembers the glory days of the great Con Nestoridis, the fabulous Greek striker who packed the terraces when he played for Hellas in the 1960's.

"Then we had huge crowds. The Greeks and the Italians are still here but

they've grown a bit wiser. They won't come unless they know that the standard will be first class.

"My personal opinion is that the NSL should remain as it is — just one league, but get more Melbourne and Sydney teams into the league. Then we'd have more local derbies and that's what we all want to watch."

Vassilopoulos is part of a strong, 15-member committee, under the presidency of Leo Anezakis. Other committee members are:

Nick Sagiakos (secretary); Bill Georgantzis (vice-president); George Karageorgiou (vice-president); Chris Kiritsopoulos (assistant secretary); Chris Papas (assistant treasurer and ground manager); Nick Collins (public relations); Simon Karas (assistant public relations); Steve Giannou (social committee president); Peter Dourios (junior president); Chris Kannas; Aris Vassilopoulos; Peter Skrapetis; and Peter Koutsoheras.

plans hard for every game. I felt sorry seeing him worrying so much about what he was going to do for every game. He certainly put his heart into the job. John was very disappointed when the media started talking about Tommy Docherty coming over from him. He was too proud a man to work as an assistant to anyone, let alone someone with the reputation of Docherty. If Hellas wanted to get rid of John Margaritis then he should have been told to his face. Someone on the committee simply didn't have the guts to tell John and used the paper to prepare him for the chop. I told him I was wrong. John had to go. He'd been there for a few years and he had lost control with some of the players. Jim Shirra, John Stevenson, Bertie Lutton and Grant Turner were giving John a hard time which didn't help his situation.

"At Hellas, if you can't discipline the players when you're putting your head on the chopping block. Players don't sabotage the coach. Hellas finished himself off if he can't control the players."

"I had a few arguments with Docherty but so what. I had a great time as team manager while he was there. I really enjoyed his company and I still do. Every time we play Olympic up in Sydney he always makes me feel very welcome. He's a great character. And he can win games for you too. Make no mistake about that, I think he left Hellas because he didn't like Melbourne that much. Most of his friends are in Sydney. There were a few people at Hellas who didn't understand the man and that didn't help him to stay in here."

There also were a few people on the Hellas committee who didn't understand Leo Anezakis last year. He was blamed by some committee members for the team's lack of success, a slur which forced him to resign after the last NSL match of 1982.

"I was disappointed at the whole team performance last year. Then some people on the committee started blaming me. I resigned but the club didn't tell the newspapers so, in the end, I had to send a telegram to Sam Papasavas making my resignation official."

However, Papasavas resigned from the presidency of the club last November and along with the bulk of the committee, recommended to the members at the AGM that Anezakis become the new president. Anezakis received a unanimous vote of approval.

"When I took over Rale Basic already had been appointed as the new coach. He had a big name and I thought that he could do the job. But

after we lost a few games, I changed my mind. I just knew that Len McKendry could do the job. I had heard such good reports about him from players he had coached and I was well aware of his outstanding record with the Victorian state team, Heidelberg and Green Gully. He was the best person for the job in my opinion. And all the players respect him. That's very important. He's strict when he has to be but the big thing with him is that when a player asks him what is going wrong with the player's game, Len McKendry can give him the answer. McKendry doesn't just laugh and say to the player that the player is good enough to work it out for himself."

Hellas always has led the big spending club fraternity in Australian soccer, however, it is yet to win an NSL honor.

"Sure, we bought good players but players who had played very well for their previous club. We didn't look closely enough at whether or not these players were the right players for Hellas."

"I don't want to start talking about winning the championship this year. Actually, I'll be happy if we finish in the top four. The players think that they will do very well in the Philips Cup. That's a good sign, but again, I'm not making any silly predictions."

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up to his reputation. And so, the first season of the Philips Cup South Melbourne finished

an effort to do better in 1978 Melbourne appointed a new head, Dave MacLaren, from Sydney City. MacLaren in turn replaced goalkeeping choice, Peter Lamont, was brought from Preston Makedonia in 1979.

Hellas again was active in 1980 on the transfer market buying Branko Buljevic from Heidelberg 2-1 in the Ampol Cup final. Egan nabbed the winner in extra time. Everyone at the club was talking about winning the National League but player unrest and the eventual exit of Margaritis, after Tommy Docherty's appearance, ended any chance of winning the championship. Hellas finished 6th in the league and made an early exit from the Philips Cup, going down 5-4 on penalties to Heidelberg, the eventual cup runner-up.

Docherty joined Sydney Olympic, the team he had coached in 1981, at the end of last season and Rale Basic was appointed coach for this season. Sam Papasavas stepped down as president to concentrate on his role as NSL chairman. He was replaced as president by Leo Anezakis, the former team mate Mendo Ristic.

Hellas left the memory of its nightmarish 1979 season well behind by finishing 3rd in the 1980 PSL, reaching the semi-finals of the top four series.

John Stevenson, from Sydney City Hakoah and Jim Shirra from Scotland were Hellas' prime recruits for the 1981 season, along with New Zealand international striker Steve Woodfin. And young Socrates Nicolaides, a junior product, was on the verge of establishing himself in the first team. Hellas finished 2nd in the league, its highest finish to date in the national competition.

Charalambos that will o' the wisp, goalcorer, joined Hellas early in 1982, scoring a hat-trick in his first game for the club, against Croxton in the Ampol Cup. Hellas won that match 6-0.

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affair and subsequent coaching switches did little to enhance the spirit of the players and team-spirit was in tatters.

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Docherty had bought Carl Halford from Frankston City in 1982, and the bustling little midfielder has proved a scoop signing so far this season.

Rale Basic was sacked by Hellas after a horrid stretch of seven successive losses. Len McKendry, the former Victorian Director of Coaching and state team coach, took over with the team in 12th spot on the league ladder.

Hellas is back on the pitch again, having signed a new coach, Alan Davidson as a top team star.

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Ajax defender David Hogben (left) celebrates his first State League goal, and what a priceless one it may turn out to be. Ajax's clash with Sunshine-George Cross on Sunday was a fiery affair as shown at right by this sliding tackle on Kit Grechan by combine defender Steve Richardson. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



HAIL HOBGEN!

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 GREEN GULLY 1
AJAX 1 (Hogben 82nd) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 7 — Richardson 6, Pelling 7, Scerri 8, Taylor 7 — Stevenson 7, G. Bennett 7, McCann 6, Pate 6 (inj.), Kerr 7 (inj.) — Glider 6, Bain 6 (inj.), McKinlay 67th. Coach: Tommy Tremain.
GREEN GULLY AJAX: McKenna 7 — Peter Lewis 6, Short 7, Cannell 7, Hogben 8 — Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Williams 6, Dohmen 6, McClelland (inj., Grechian 22nd), Pate 6 (inj.). Coach: David Smallman.

David Hogben probably scored his most important goal of the season but a significant feature of the deciding moment in this Maltese derby was the fact that it was Ajax midfielder Jim Williams who sent Hogben down the left in the 82nd minute.

The combine defence had moved too far forward and was fully exposed, particularly down the side. Hogben raced on, Captain Alan Bennett could offer Hogben any resistance but the young Ajax left back was too much. Once Bennett was beaten only goalkeeper Alan Contini stood in Hogben's way. Contini came out of goal but Hogben

calmly stroked the ball under him and inside the near post. And Ajax had won a battle only made colorful by the fans and some crude challenges from players on both sides.

How referee Sam Zoumas could book just one Ajax player in the first half while cautioning three Sunshine-George Cross culprits was almost beyond belief. Carl Glider fouled Stuart Cannell and was booked. Roger Bain fouled Cannell and was booked. Gerry Bennett charged into Peter Boyle's body and was booked. And Ajax's Willie Vassallo was booked for refusing to heed Zoumas' warning to stay 10 metres away as Norrie Pate prepared to take a corner.

What about Bobby Toal's challenge on Chris Taylor in the 15th minute? And a flailing of arms and legs by Peter Boyle with Taylor as the target in the 22nd minute? No. Mr. Zoumas didn't bring out his yellow card for these offences. Strange.

Boyle's daction appeared to be a direct result of Steve McClelland's misfortune. McClelland, imported from Scotland this year and appearing in the starting line-up due to the injury and illness of player-coach David Small-

man, found himself tackled by two combine players. The result — McClelland was stretchered off and taken to hospital with a broken bone just above an ankle. The players were closer to the action than I was but from my vantage point of three — McClelland and his two opponents — appeared intent on going in hard for the ball. Certainly, the incident provoked a stream of verbal protests from the Ajax players but in the ensuing hubbub and time taken up by getting a stretcher out to McClelland, referee Zoumas must have forgotten to book Boyle.

The game however, never reached great footballing heights with both defences in control for the most part. Steve Scerri did a great job on Peter Lewis, ably supported by suspended Peter Marley and full-back Chris Taylor. At the other end of the park Carl Glider battled single-handedly for the most part but the Ajax back four was too tough, too well drilled.

Praise must be given to Steve McKenna who took over in goal in place of injured Ajax regular Lou Denys. McKenna was tested a couple of times in the air but responded well and the combine's best chance, a John Stevenson drive in the 50th minute, was well tipped wide by McKenna.

Croydon strikers Joe Sweeney and Peter Loughnane may have done their club's cause irreparable damage by being sent off last week. However, the team can be reshuffled with Mike Raine coming in at right back, Mark Hill should defend Hellas and Morwell respectively to again open up the race for fourth spot and a place in the State League Cup.

Croydon should overcome one of the last major hurdles on its path to the championship when it is confronted by Croydon at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

And while Croydon is going down, Polonia and Box Hill should defeat Hellas and Morwell respectively to again open up the race for fourth spot and a place in the State League Cup.

Polonia will welcome back

Peter Thurlow from suspension and Alan Webster from injury for Sunday's Waratah Reserve clash with Albion Reserve. I expect the Doves to triumph, despite the outstanding Albion performance against Box Hill, although Doveton strikers Ian Stirton and Webster, no doubt will be marked tightly. Keiron Coyle may be pitted against Stirton with young Brian Galea tagging Webster, but I expect the Doves, with John Dowie, Andy Miller and Thurlow in midfield, to hold the top.

Juventus has too many good players in form to go down to depicted Northcote at John Cain Reserve on Sunday, while Sunshine-George Cross surely won't slip up against Ringwood, Wilhelmina at Jubilee Park, also on Sunday. Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

SUNDAY

DOVETON v ALBION ROVERS

at Waratah Reserve, 3pm.

NORTHCOTE v JUVENTUS

at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

RINGWOOD v WILHELMINA

v SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS

at Jubilee Park, 3pm.

G.C. AJAX v CROYDON

at Green Valley Reserve, 3pm.

MELBOURNE CROATIA v FAULKNER

at Olympic Park No.1, 3pm.

POLONIA v S.M. HELLES

at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

BOX HILL v MORWELL

Falcons at Wembley Park, 3pm.

Box Hill probably put in its

best effort

and should win

the game

and should win

Hillmen humbled by rampant Rovers

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Ferrie 17th) BOX HILL 0 at Selby Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8 – Gales 3, Hannan 8, K. Doyle 8, Stuart 7 – Reilly 8, A. Bennett 7, Douglas 6 – D'Sylva 9, Smart 8, Nelson 6, Hugh Murray. **BOX HILL:** McEvoy 9 – I. Routhouse 7, Gabriels 5, Brownlie 6, A. Routhouse 5 – K. Valeen.

Forget the scoreline. This was one of Albion's most convincing efforts this year and success was achieved without Eddie Gray, Bill McIntyre, Frank MacLeod, Ron McIvor,

Mike D'Sylva, Peter Priestley, Paul Rogers, Steve Verrecchia, S. Hird 5, Cullen 6, G. Bannon 5, Lloyd 7 – Zinni 7 (French 69th), Incantalupo 9, Nelson 6. Coach: Kevan.

Joy for Bennie Ferrie and victory for Albion. Ferrie just has slammed in the winner against Box Hill.

Three-goal Fab

JUVENTUS 4 (Incantalupo penalty 9th, 30th, 54th, Zinni 52nd) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Stewart 45th) at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

JUVENTUS: Fantonio 6 – V. Basso (penalty), Swindon 7, J. Rogers 8, G. Bannon 5, Hird 7 – Zinni 7 (French 69th), Incantalupo 9, Nelson 6. Coach: Kevan.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Janssen (penalty 9th, 41), Pasman 6, Brooks 6, Pena 6, Vermeers 6 – G. Haupt 5, Lange 5 (Cork 44th), Whyley 6 – Garvey 6, Nelson 6, Stewart 7. Coach: Kuld van Altena.

Ringwood Wilhelmmina was forced to use young striker John Nyholt in goal after Rick Janssen injured himself in the 9th minute in bringing down Andrew Zinni for a penalty.

The Dutch-sponsored club, now four from the finish second last in the league, was still goalless when Stewart Lee, who is contesting the national under-16 titles with the Victorian team, and having to use an out-field player in goal highlights the club's lack of depth. Indeed, it's reaching ridiculous proportions to think that a State League club is so short-staffed in the goalkeeping area.

Fabio Incantalupo had no trouble in converting the early penalty and Wilhelmmina effectively was out of the reckoning from that point on. Juventus had too many good players and what a delight it was to see Rob Cullen enjoying himself once more. He's one of the best strikers around and seems to have rediscovered his appetite for the game.

Surprisingly, Wilhelmmina almost hit back in the 15th minute.

An Eddie Pena free

kick from wide on the right, completely beat Alex Fanta-

no, deputising in goal for Gary Clayton who had injured himself at training, but the ball hit the underside of the bar, bounced down, and was cleared.

Vince Bannon had to be replaced due to injury in the 17th minute. On came Kevin Swin-

co into centre midfield with Ged Bannon dropping back to right back.

A long throw from Zinni in the 30th minute led to Juve's second goal. Incantalupo chal-

lenged in the air for the ball, which dropped between him and Ged Bannon, and Kevin So-

cero was quicker to react, striking a first time shot into the far corner to make it 2-0.

Right on half-time, Ken Stewart broke down, left, beat Ged Bannon, and ham-

mered a low shot into the far corner from a very acute angle, exposing Fanta-

no, but Pena's free kick.

Zinni restored Juve's two goal cushion in the 52nd minute when his pace carried him clear into a one-on-one with Nyholt to make it 3-1.

Tony Aszoglo, Incantalupo completed his hat-trick. Cullen made a great break down the right, beat a defender, then cleverly chipped the ball to the far post where unmarked Incantalupo headed into the unguarded goal.

The highlight of the remaining play came in the 81st minute when Cullen concocted the most amazing miss of the year. He raced through the middle, got clear by playing a one-two with Incantalupo, and was beaten by Ged Bannon.

The Wilhelmmina keeper saved off his line and took a swing at the ball but Cullen blocked Nyholt's attempt to kick clear, and with the goal at his mercy, gently rolled the ball wide.

— MICK O'BRIEN

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Mezey Hungary's new boss, Celtic signs two

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Gyorgy Mezey, 40, is the new national coach of Hungary, succeeding Kalman Meszely who was ousted after Hungary's shock defeat in the European Championship by Denmark.

Nyilasi

Hungary's first big export transfer for many years has seen Tibor Nyilasi move from Fczenec Vienna to Austria Vienna for around \$300,000 with Vienna, Nyilasi will team up with Herbert Hora, who came home from AS Roma.

189 banned

The Hungarian Pools fraud trial and investigation go on and on. A total of 38 clubs have been heavily fined, 18 players from the Second and Third Divisions have been suspended for periods ranging from one to five years. Biggest player named to get a five-year stretch is Lajos Kocsis, now 35.

Engels out

Cologne and West German international midfielder Stefan Engels is likely to miss the first six weeks of the new season following a serious knee operation.

U.S. crisis

The 12-team North American Soccer League is once again battling for survival. New York Cosmos are worried that Warner Communications may opt out. Seattle Sounders and San Diego could be up for sale, Team America has not clicked and only two of the three Canadian-based sides, Vancouver Whitecaps and Toronto Blizzard, seem to be in a happy state.

New rule

As from the start of the new season in England players can no longer expect to be automatically ordered off for committing a professional foul which prevents a goal being scored. FIFA has indicated that Britain would be cut

off from the rest of the world should it fail to bring its interpretation of the laws in line with France and England, which has worked in England. For statistics show a total of 5627 goals were scored last season, 361 more than the previous season and by far the highest total for 15 years.

Ajax catch

Holland's top side, Ajax of Amsterdam, is still smarting over the loss of Johan Cruyff,

play for Juventus in Melbourne.

World Cup

Italy, France and England have all made application to stage the 1990 World Cup finals.

Rummenigge

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the Bayern Munich and West Germany star, has scotched rumours he will try his luck in Italian soccer, despite approaches from Torino and Florence. The idea gained

Bye-bye Fillol

The 13-year association between Argentina World Cup hero Ubaldo Fillol and River Plate has ended.

Having been dismissed by River, for what its president termed "10 years of misconduct", the 40-times capped goalkicker signed with Argentinos Juniors.

Juniors, whose main claim to fame is as the club where Diego Maradona started his rise to stardom, are now back among the Argentine's also-rans and appear incapable of providing Fillol with opportunities to increase the contents of his trophy cabinet.

Ironically, he spurned many chances of earning a fortune in Europe after the 1978 World Cup finals — preferring to remain loyal to River Plate!

During that Mundial, Fillol produced many crucial saves, as Argentina captured the game's most coveted trophy.

Dynamic goal poacher Mario Kempes may have inspired more headlines, but Fillol was named Argentina's "Footballer of the Year" soon afterwards.

Four years later, he was one of the few Argentinians to come back from Spain without a trophy.

Guarding the goal of "Loc Milionario", he gained winners' medals for both major domestic titles — the Metropolitan Championships and National League. Only The Cape Libertadores has eluded the 33-year-old. — PAUL MOON

Soren Lerby, Piet Schrijvers and Wim Kieft. The club has partially filled the gaps by buying Austria Vienna star Felix Gasselich. Last season Gasselich scored 15 goals from the tenets courts.

van de Korput

Dutch international sweeper Michel van de Korput has returned to Holland after five years in Italian soccer with Torino. Several Dutch clubs, including Feyenoord, are interested but Torino's asking price of around \$800,000 will have to drop considerably before any business is transacted.

Bannon

Dundee United's Eamon Bannon celebrated his wife's present of twins by scoring two goals in the Scottish Premier League Champions 4-0 win over West Ham. Eamon's brothers Pat, Vince and Ged

ground after Rummenigge had

spent a holiday in Italy where he partnered Florence forward Giancarlo Antognoni on the tennis courts.

Stielike

Speculation that Uli Stielike, the West German star, would return home, ended after he signed a new two year contract with Real Madrid. Stielike, who joined Real in 1977, has been voted three times Spanish Footballer of the Year.

play for Juventus in Melbourne.

Arsenal

Arsenal have grabbed a striker valued at \$160,000 for nothing. Colchester's 22-year-old winger Ian Allison, their top scorer over the past three seasons, was freed in error, so Terry Neill nipped in to beat near neighbours Fulham for his signature. And Coventry have paid Spurs \$140,000 for transfer-listed Terry Gibson.

Watford

Watford have suffered a shattering blow with the news that their new \$350,000 midfielder Paul Atkinson from Oldham broke an ankle in a friendly with Reading and will be out until Christmas.

Armstrong

Gerry Armstrong has moved from Watford to Spanish side Real Mallorca for \$450,000 on a two year contract which will net him \$240,000.

Kenny Burns

Kenny Burns, the former Scotland international defender, is presently out in the cold. Now with Leeds United he finds manager Eddie Gray — an old Scotland colleague — has no plans for his future at Elland Road. But Burns, on loan to Derby last season, has two years of his current contract to go with needs at \$1,500 a week to buy houses and that commitment is scaring off several clubs interested in the former Nottingham Forest star.

Celtic

Celtic, after having splashed out \$170,000 for Motherwell striker Brian McClair, have spent \$190,000 on another scorer, 24-year-old Jim Melrose, a former Scotland under 23 international, joined Leicestershire City three years ago for over \$500,000 from Partick Thistle, then moved for half of that figure to Coventry last year.

McGee joins Bristol

Former Eire international striker Paul McGee who was expected to turn out for Juventus or Foothscray JUST earlier this year, has been signed on a month's trial to Bristol City of the English Fourth Division.

Informed by Burnley during the 1982-83 season that he was surplus of requirements, McGee appeared for League of Ireland team Dundalk on loan during the latter part of the campaign, but did not sign a permanent contract. — PAUL MOON

End of oldest series

The decision of the English Football Association to cease competing in the Home International Championship after 1984 will almost certainly terminate the game's oldest international tournament.

The English federation's secretary Ted Croker said: "This step has been taken because England cannot fit in fixtures against all the other home countries and also play top teams such as West Germany, Italy and the South Americans."

Started in 1883, the series has long outlived its usefulness at least to England and Scotland, whose supporters are no longer excited by the prospect of seeing familiar freshmen and Welshmen wearing their countries' colors.

This year's England v. Wales and Scotland v. Northern Ireland fixtures drew attendances of 20,000 and 16,000 respectively.

As well as the meagre crowds, the Home International Series has been noted for poor, uninspired soccer by jaded, disinterested players in recent years.

The Welsh and Irish federations have expressed their objection to England's withdrawal, but Scotland is also expected to pull out.

The world's oldest and most intense international rivalry will continue however as the annual England v. Scotland fixture has been retained as an integral part of the soccer calendar.

— PAUL MOON



Rudi Gutendorf



Grant Turner

Gutendorf 'spat at ref's feet'

By PAUL MOON

Having lost the first game 0-2, New Zealand lined up for its return clash with Fiji at Prince Charles Park, Nadi, two days later. It was more a brawl than a game, with the Kiwis winning 1-0.

Players of both sides appeared more interested in kicking and punching than playing soccer and it was miraculous that only two players were sent off — Tony Kabokoro for persistent fouling and Sydney Olympic's Ricki Herbert for swearing. The unlucky Herbert was seen breaking up a fight immediately before his dismissal.

Fiji coach Rudi Gutendorf too fell foul of referee Gopalan Kannan.

The former Socceroo boss rushed onto the field at one stage and is alleged to have feigned to throw a punch at the referee, and then to have spat at his feet.

Kanna said he would be reporting Gutendorf to FIFA.

Fiji's coach found an unlikely ally in his New Zealand counterpart Allan Jones, who described Kanna as "incompetent, unfit, incapable of refereeing adequately at senior level, let alone an international. He completely lost his head."

Jones added however that he considered Gutendorf's attitude to be "diabolical".

New Zealand won the "game" 1-0, with a Kenny Cresswell goal in the 25th minute.

Gutendorf described Fiji's 2-0 victory in the first game as "one of the highlights of my 20 years in international football."

Showing uncharacteristic discipline and determination, particularly in defence, Fiji thwarted the Kiwis, who totally dominated the first 40 minutes on a waterlogged and wind-swept National Stadium in Suva, but could not breach the locals' resolute rearguard.

Goals by Tony Kabokoro, who ironically failed to make the grade with New Zealand club Christchurch United last year, in the 44th and 72nd minutes, sank an All-Whites combination which displayed its frustrations with a series of violent fouls.

Unfortunately, unsavoury incidents were not confined to the actual match. Shortly after the final whistle sounded, ex-South Melbourne Helios midfielder Grant Turner is alleged to have punched Fijian manager Jahir Khan as he walked onto the pitch to congratulate his players.

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FAWKNER E TRIESTINA IN AVVINCENTI INSEGUIMENTI

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Il campionato di State League ha almeno una nota molto positiva per i tifosi italiani e, ci si acuni la modestia, ha confermato quello che dicevamo da molto tempo e che abbiamo ripetuto più volte nelle ultime settimane: il Fawkner con il brio dei suoi giovani, primo di tutti Anselma che da spalla di Tuffield l'anno scorso era stato relegato in panchina per far posto ai "grandi nomi", può aspirare al quarto posto in campionato e quindi all' partecipazione del potenzialmente lucrativo torneo "top four" a fine stagione.

Domenica gli azzurri hanno fatto fuori anche il diritto avversario e si trovano in vantaggio di 2-2 ed era proprio Anselma, su suggerimento di Tuffield, a segnare la rete iniziale e quella della vittoria.

Pecatto che il Fawkner, troppo ambizioso per il suo bene, ha impiegato la gran parte di un campionato per capire che quello che aveva in casa era molto meglio di quella che è andato a comprare. Tuffield che aveva dovuto lavorare per molto

tempo come un negro non trovando l'intesa con i suoi nuovi compagni di squadra, e' ora tutto un altro giocatore da quando gli hanno riaffanciato il suo "gemello". Anselma con il quale dialoga cos' bene; e fra i due non esiste alcuna gelosia poiché l'uno e' pronto a sacrificarsi per far segnare l'altro.

Per questo binomio che l'anno scorso ebbe il merito maggiore della vittoria nel campionato della prima divisione e della promozione alla lega statale, e sarà probabilmente questo binomio ricostituito a guadagnare al Fawkner un onorevolissimo quarto posto.

Ma non bisogna pero' farsi prendere da facili entusiasmi nemmeno in questo frangente, poiche' la strada della squadra azzurra da qui alla conclusione del campionato non e' delle piu' facili: le ultime quattro avversarie con le quali fare i conti sono Croatia, Green Gully, Ringwood e Northcote.

Di questi solo il Ringwood potrebbe essere considerato un cliente facile il Northcote, uno di tutto rispetto, mentre Croatia e Green Gully sono da considerare impossibili. Sulla carta perciò ci sono almeno tre punti.

Il Croydon, che ora precede il Fawkner di un punto in classifica, dovrà incontrare Green Gully, Ringwood, Northcote, Box Hill: almeno quattro punti da considerare già in tasca. Il terzo incomodo, il Polonia che si trova ad una lunghezza di dal Fawkner, dovrà vedersela con Hellas, Doveton, Albion Rovers, Croatia: anche qui almeno quattro punti piuttosto scontati.

Se queste previsioni risultassero indovinate avremmo il seguente punteggio finale: Croydon 29, in quarta posizione. Fawkner e Polonia 27 (una monta del Northcote, ora a quota 22, sembra impossibile perché questa squadra rischia di non vincere alcuna altra partita dovendo incontrare Juventus, George Cross, Fawkner e Croydon mentre il Box Hill ha possibilità di qualche punto in più ma sempre insufficiente per colmare il vuoto già esistente).

Il Fawkner perciò, per avere delle serie possibilità, dovrebbe strappare almeno un punto dai due incontri con il Croatia e il Green Gully (e non lo riteniamo del tutto impossibile) e battere il Northcote: questo significherebbe cinque punti da portarli a quota 29 solo per vedersi beffato da un quoziente reti di molto a favore del Croydon che si aggiudicherebbe così l'agognato quarto posto. Non rimane che sperare che, come al solito il Green Gully, Northcote e Box Hill battano il Croydon e che quella delle due che non lo batte riesca almeno a pareggiare.

Tutta una serie di risultati che debbono andare a favore del Fawkner per dargli la grande possibilità. Tutto e' però ancora possibile, ma sarebbe una beffa enorme per le due squadre italiane di Melbourne in State League se i punti che l'una ha tolto all'altra non bastassero a garantirle del titolo alla Juventus ed il quarto posto al Fawkner.

Qualunque il risultato finale, il Fawkner potrà sicuramente essere orgoglioso del suo rendimento alla prima avventura

in campionato statale e dovrà fare il "mea culpa" per non essere riuscito ad andare ancora più' su.

PER LA TRIESTINA IL BIS APPARE IMPOSSIBILE

La vecchia gloriosa Triestina, che aveva cominciato il campionato in modo non del tutto soddisfacente, e' cresciuta alla distanza ed ora si trova nella possibilità teorica di fare il "Bis" vincendo il campionato di prima squadra e conquistando la serie.

Il compito delle avversarie e' molto piu' facile di quello della prima che dovrà rimontare due punti (in due partite) all'attuale capolista e farsi largo fra una massa di cinque squadre che matematicamente hanno ancora possibilità di primato: Geelong (a quota 29 deve ancora incontrare Rosanna e Rosebud), North Geelong (a quota 28 deve ancora incontrare Moorabbin e Rosanna), Hawthorn (a quota 28 deve ancora incontrare Heatherton e Keysborough), Corio (a quota 27 deve ancora incontrare Kariong e Hawthorn) e Trieste (a quota 27 deve ancora incontrare Ferntree Gully e Moorabbin).

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Teniamo a ricordare ai tifosi albaradati che il club organizza una cena danzante per sabato 17 settembre presso la Riviera Receptions di North Melbourne. Se non due titoli se ne potrebbe celebrare uno, ma in ogni caso certamente un ottimo esempio di inizio di un futuro migliore. I biglietti costano \$20 per soci e giocatori e le premiazioni possono esser-

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ALTRI TITOLI ALLE ITALIANE

Di tutte le altre squadre italiane nelle varie leghe del Victoria, il Westall ha già la certezza matematica di vincere il campionato trovandosi in vantaggio di 10 punti sulla seconda classificata con solo quattro partite rimaste per la conclusione della stagione.

Il ruolino di marcia della squadra italiana e' ancora piu' eccellente se si considerano queste cifre: 22 partite giurate, 20 vinte, due perdute, sei segnate 91, subite 42, punti 40.

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Senza Pat Bannon e con Vince Bannon uscito dopo solo un quarto d'ora dall'inizio della partita, si sono creati dei piccoli scompensi in difesa e il Ringwood riusciva cosi' a segnare la rete della bandiera. Non e' stata una grande partita ma il risultato di 4-1 e' tale da non fare una piega. In cantalupo ha fatto una buona partita mettendo a segno una tripletta ed anche Zanni era in gran forma realizzando la rete per il campionato della giornata. Per la Juventus ora non e' rimasto che la grande incertezza delle "top four" e ci auguriamo che tecnici e giocatori si stiano preparando adeguatamente per essa.

Il Morwell sta ormai andando avanti a forza d'inerzia ed ha pareggiato in casa con il Northcote.

LA LEGA SI FARÀ... E LA SEDE DELLA JUVENTUS ANCHE

Negli ultimi tempi, a causa di una impennata della federazione del N.S.W., sembrava che il raggiungimento per la regionalizzazione della lega nazionale il prossimo anno fosse andato a morte.

Niente da preoccuparsi pero', perch' la situazione e' rientrata nella normalità e l'accordo definitivo dovrebbe essere raggiunto ad una riunione delle parti interessate che avrà luogo questo sabato.

Ieri sera, mentre questo giorno andava in macchina, si svolgeva a Brunswick la riunione pubblica indetta dalla Juventus per spiegare a tutti gli interessati le condizioni dell'accordo con il Comune di Brunswick, i piani e il modo di finanziamento della nuova sede. Al momento di scrivere perciò la riunione era ancora da farsi, ma non prevedevano alcuna difficoltà. La realizzazione dell'ambizioso progetto. La prossima settimana daremo tutti i particolari.

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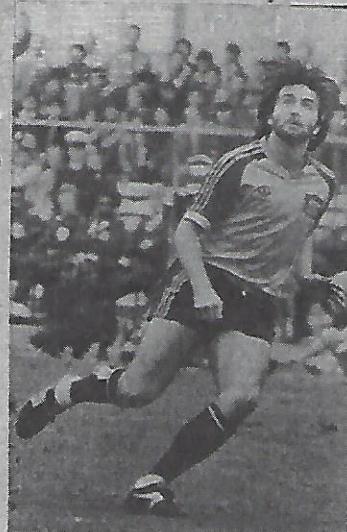
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